# Changing Incentives for Agricultural Expansion in Brazil

What Will be the Key Factors Influencing Brazil's Expanding Agriculture?

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# **Overview**

- Brazil's position in the world of agriculture
- Land use in Brazil, potential for expansion
- Current state of crop production
- Incentives for agricultural expansion
- Obstacles to expansion
- Key factors
- Brazil's future

#### **Brazil's Current Position**

- Number one producer of: sugar, orange juice, coffee
- One of the top producers of: soybeans, corn, ethanol, tobacco, beef, pork, poultry, fruits, forestry products
- Agriculture responsible for 25% of GDP and one third of the jobs in Brazil
- Commodities account for 42% of Brazil's exports in 2010

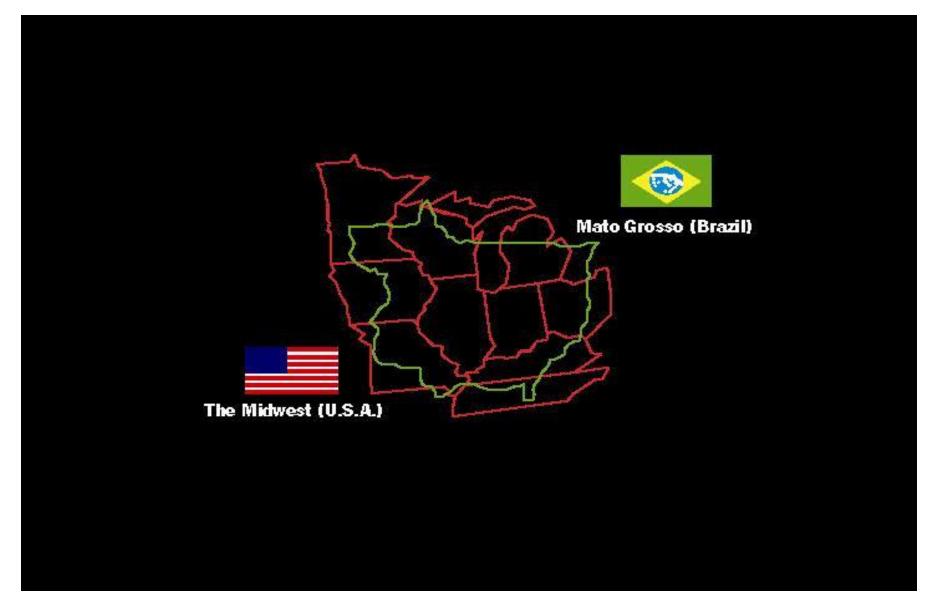
#### Size Comparison Brazil vs. United States



# Mato Grosso – Leading Soybean Producing State

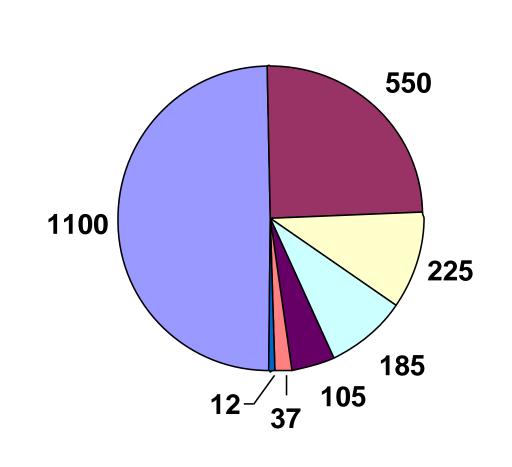


#### Size Comparison Mato Grosso - Midwest

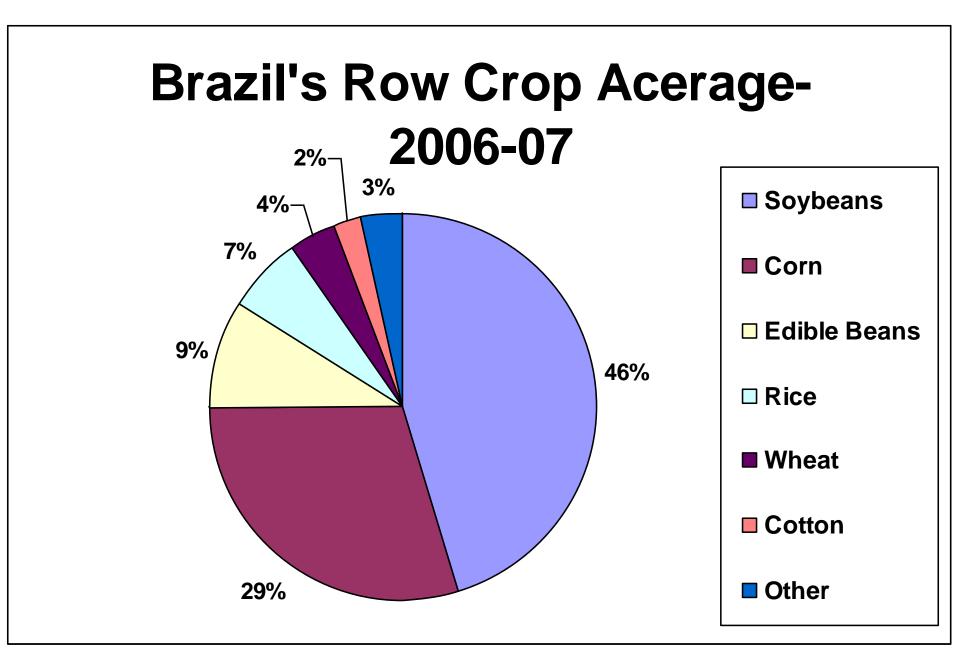


#### **Brazil Land Utilization**

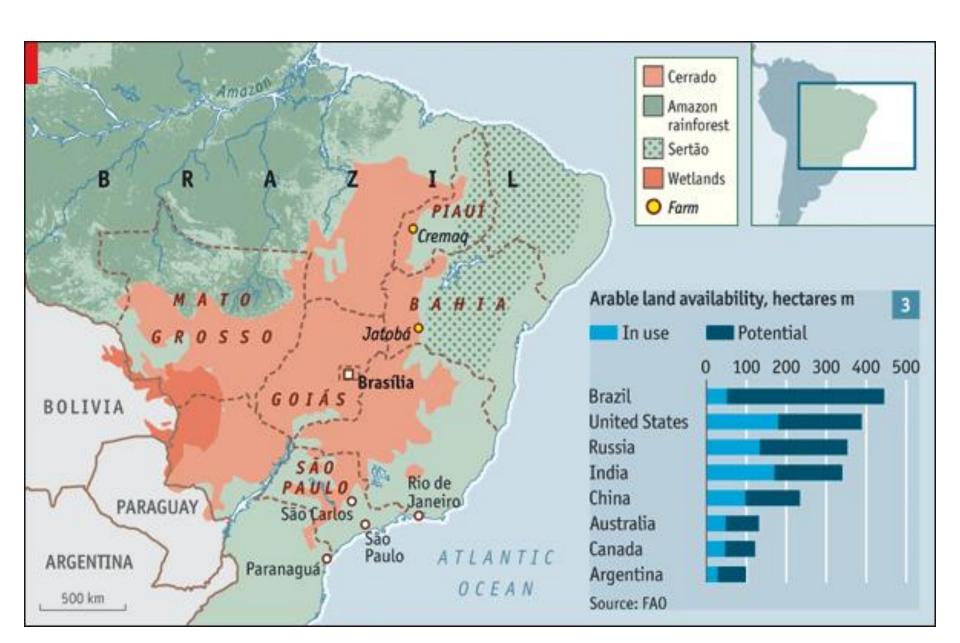
millions of acres



- Amazon Forest and Natural Forest Reserves
- Pasture Land (cattle)
- □ Cerrado (savannah)
- Other (urban centers, lakes, etc)
- **■** Cropland (soybeans etc)
- Permanent Crops (coffee, oranges, sugarcane etc)
- Reforestation (eucalyptus and pine)



#### Cerrado Areas of Brazil



#### Native Cerrado Vegetation in Brazil



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#### **Clearing Land in Mato Grosso**

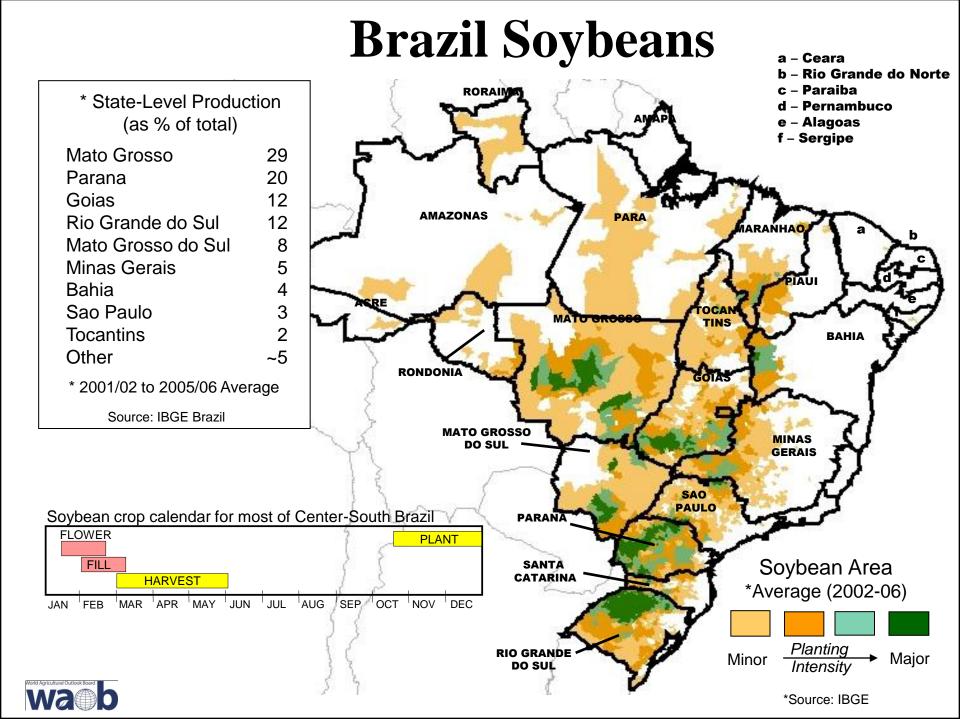


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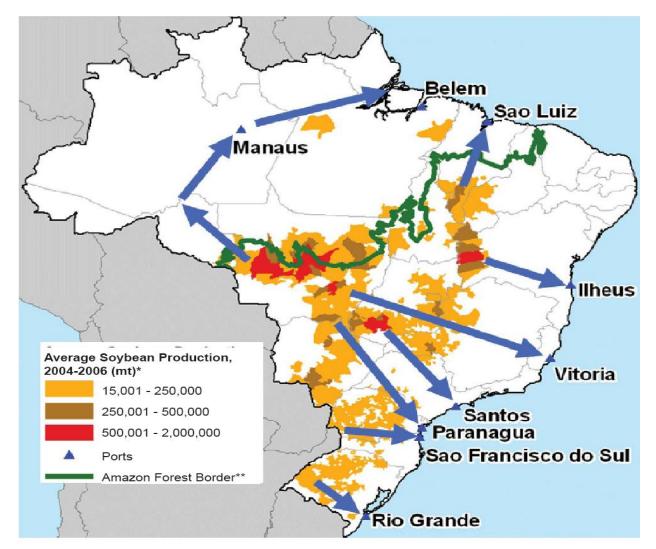
#### New Soybean Production in Mato Grosso



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#### **Major Export Routes of Brazil**



<sup>\*</sup>Companhia Nacional de Abastecimento (CONAB)

Source: USDA /Agricultural Marketing Service & Foreign Agricultural Service

<sup>\*\*</sup>World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

#### **Maturing Soybeans in Mato Grosso**



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## Soybean Production in Mato Grosso



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## Harvesting Soybeans in Mato Grosso



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#### Safrinha Corn Following Soybeans



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#### Planting Safrinha Corn in Mato Grosso



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#### Safrinha Corn Production in Mato Grosso



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# **Custom Combining In Brazil**



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# Waiting to Transport Soybeans in Mato Grosso



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#### **ADM Facility in Mato Grosso**



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#### Cargill Crushing Plant in Mato Grosso



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# Picking Up Soybeans at Lucas do Rio Verde, Mato Grosso



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#### **BR-163** in Mato Grosso



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#### **Traffic on BR-163 in Mato Grosso**



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#### Traffic on BR-364 in Mato Grosso



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#### Mato Grosso Plateau



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#### Mato Grosso Road Sign in Kilometers



# **Unimproved Road During Rainy Season**



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#### First Rail Terminal in Mato Grosso



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#### Ferronorte Rail Terminal in Mato Grosso



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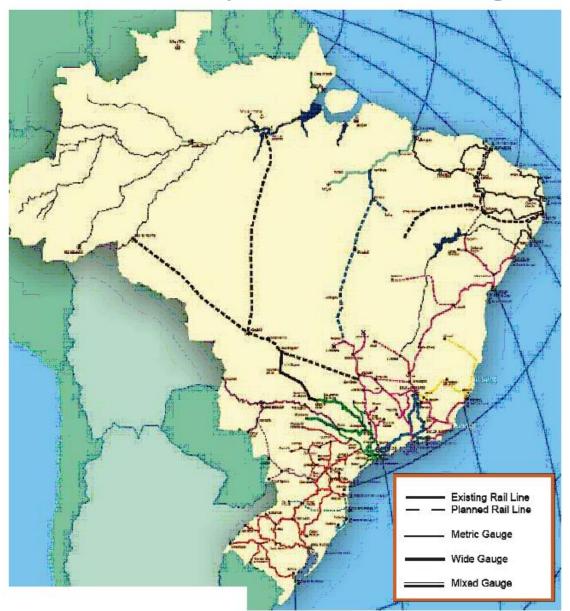
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#### **Crushing Plant Along Ferronorte Railroad**



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## Brazilian Rail System: Gauge Sizes



## City of Sorriso in Central Mato Grosso



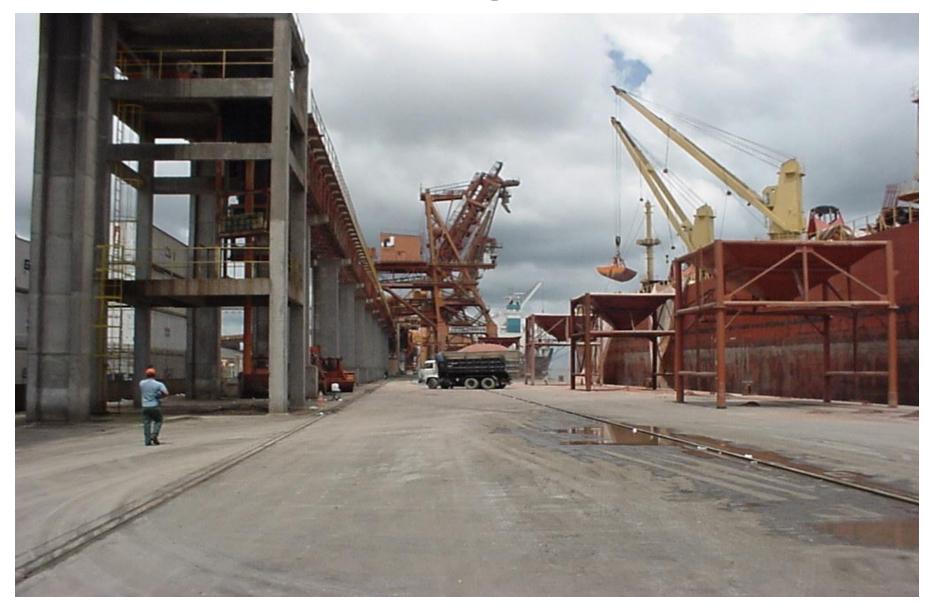
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# Parana River Between Sao Paulo and Mato Grosso do Sul



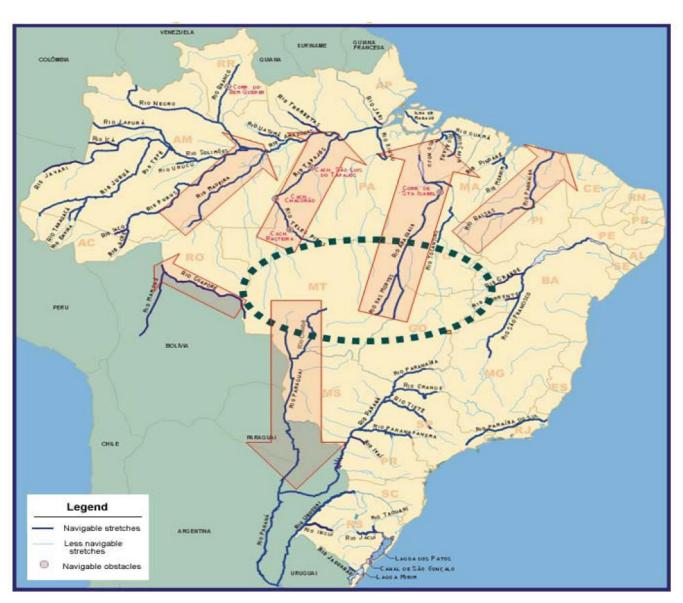
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## Port of Paranagua - Brazil



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## **Brazilian River Export Routes**



Source: USDA/AMS

## Barging Operations on the Madeira River



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#### **Brazilian Cotton Production**

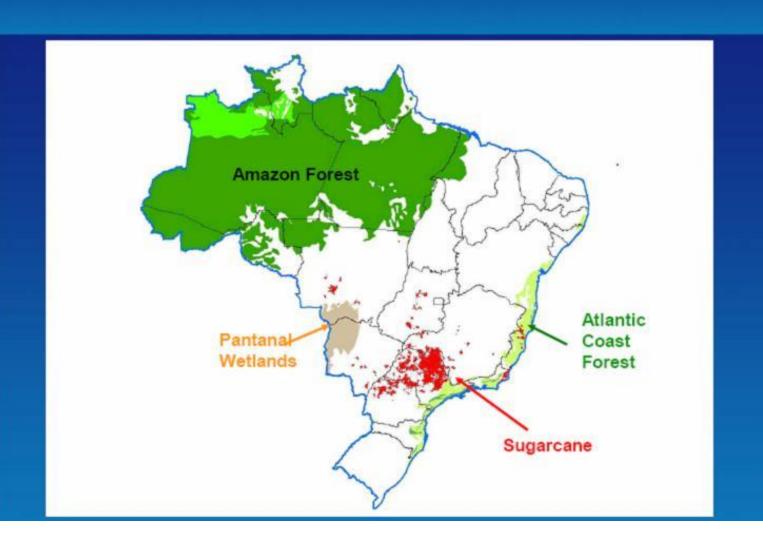


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## **Brazilian Sugarcane Production**



#### SUGARCANE AREA IN THE CENTER-SOUTH



The state of Sao Paulo accounts for nearly 57% of Brazil's sugarcane production



#### **Sugarcane Production Becoming More Mechanized**



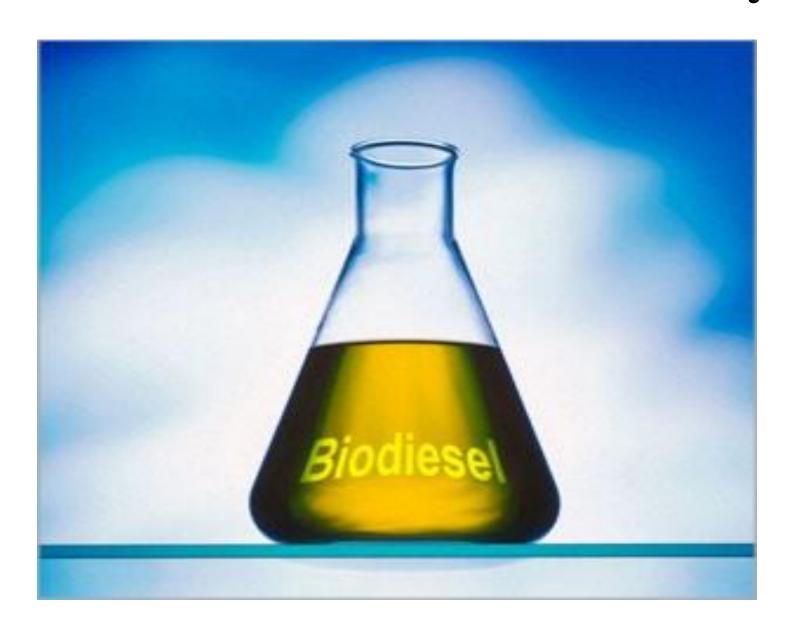
## **Brazilian Sugarcane Processing**



## **Biodiesel Growth in Brazil**

- B5 biodiesel nationwide January 1, 2010.
- B10 nationwide and B20 in urban areas by 2015?
- Reduce urban pollution.
- Soy oil 80% of feedstock for biodiesel.
- New sources of vegetable oils being developed.

## Brazilian Biodiesel Made From Soy Oil



#### **Palm Oil Production**





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## Deforestation for Cattle Ranching



## **Brazil Working to Reduce Deforestation**



Squatters and farmers battle for the same land



## **Prior Incentives For Ag Expansion**

- Very cheap and abundant land
- Government incentives
- Low interest loans, sometimes below rate of inflation
- Mass migration north to expand operations
- Similar to "manifest destiny"

## **New Incentives for Ag Expansion**

- Demand driven expansion
- Globalization of food supply and markets
- Foreign investments in agribusiness
- Interest in renewable energy
- Sourcing of raw materials by foreign governments - China, Middle East, Asia

## **Key Factors Favoring Expansion**

- Strong sustained commodity prices
  - US\$ 11.50 to 13.00 soybean prices encourages expansion
  - Corn, cotton, sugar, meats
- Government programs minimum price guarantees, low interest loans
- International investments in agriculture, renewable energy

## **Key Factors Limiting Expansion**

- Inadequate infrastructure lack of investments
- High transportation costs
- Strong Brazilian currency
- Stricter environmental regulations
- Restrictions on foreign ownership of farmland
- Desire for sustainable development
- Social considerations agrarian reform

## **Brazil's Potential**

 Brazil has: available land, climate, experience, research, knowhow, and production capability to become number one commodity exporter in the world.

 Potential to become number one food exporter as well

## **BR-163 Before Asphalt**



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## **BR-163 Fifteen Years After Asphalt**



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